

Special Prayers for Today

Dear Heavenly Father, help us not to look to ourselves for our redemption, but to Your Son, Jesus, who died that we would gain all good things and; be also with those in need of our prayers, especially in thankfulness for the blessings of Carter Thomas Radtke's baptism and for comfort for Jo Barrington, Mila Beck, Dee Boehm, Ron Boris, Marilyn Britton, Richard and Terri (parents of Adam Bridgman), Melanie Ferricks Capps and family (friend of Holly Henning-Buhr), Al Casolari, Karen Cates, Kolton Gotschalk, Gary Hampton (Clara Mae Hilberer's son-in-law), Helen Hoffman, Mark Hoffman (son of Helen Hoffman), Earl Huddleston, Christine Huddleston (Michael Kincaid's sister), Joelle Knoles, Tom Kopera, Marilyn Lockwood, Anthony Meredith (father of Kaden Meredith), Barry Nass, Paul Ogan (father of Brian Ogan), Sheavie Reagan, Elsie Reed (mother of Mickey Reed), Vickie Reilly, Aaron Shipman, Alan Smith (father of Alicia Klug), Amelia Smith (daughter of Kris Smith), Karen Stephens, Jeff Vorderstrasse, Jenny Walker, Rick Wilson (father of LeAnne Woody), Sandra Yost (sister of Joelle Knoles) and in celebration of the anniversaries of Robert and Linda Finney, William and Nancy Jeffries, William and Susan Miller, and Richard and Jan Zepp. Amen.

Flowers for the Altar

Today's flowers for the altar are given by William and Susan Miller in thankfulness for 19 years of marriage and all our children and grandchildren.

At Worship Last Week

Lent Wednesday: 189, Saturday: 102 Sunday: 143, 115.....549
Adult Studies: 103 Sunday School: 30..... 133
Offerings for the Lord's Kingdom Work:\$13,460.01
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"The Parable of the Wicked Tenants"

Luke 20:9-20

Rev. Jonathan Holmes

- Rarely are the parables ever about you – they are Jesus talking about Himself.
- "The Parable of the Wicked Tenants" is an allegory of the story of salvation.
 - List of Characters:
 - Vineyard owner is God – the Father specifically.
 - Wicked tenants are the religious leaders of Israel – in this context, the scribes and chief priests.
 - Servants sent by owner are prophets of the Old Testament.
 - Owner's son = the Son, Jesus.
- This parable does point out how God deals with those who stubbornly refuse to change their course of sinful words, thoughts, and actions – despite the attempts to do so through the prophets, Christ, the Apostles, and all who proclaim God's truth.
 - God punishes sin – this is undisputable.
- This parable is first and foremost about the salvation won by Christ for all.
- But what about us? Where do you fit in this story?
 - Since you came *after* Jesus resurrection, you aren't in this story.
 - Not directly, at least.
 - The closest connection to you is Jesus' words in verse 16 when he says that the owner of the vineyard will take it from the wicked tenants and give it to others – to you.
- What does God give you? Everything you can't gain on your own:
 - Mercy.
 - Grace.
 - Peace.
 - Righteousness.
 - Forgiveness.
 - Life.
 - Salvation.
 - The list goes on.
- Through Christ, everything God has done, everything God does, and everything God will do *is for you*.



Worship Services:

Sermon

"The Parable of the Wicked Tenants"

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Saturday Service

5:30pm-Parish Center

Liturgy 184

Hymns: 544, 571, 531

Sunday Services

8:00am-Church

Holy Communion

Liturgy 184

Trinity Choir

"O Come and Mourn"

Hymns: 544, 571, 430, 531

10:30am-Church

Liturgy 184

Adult Choir

"Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow"

LSB 428

Hymns: 544, 571, 531

Scriptures for Today

1st Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21 (p. 604)

Psalm: Psalm 126 (p. 517)

Epistle: Phil. 3:(4b-7), 8-14 (p. 982)

Gospel: Luke 20:9-20 (p. 879)

Sunday Bible Study

9:30am-10:15 am

Sunday School

Sunday School and Sunday Bible Study are held at the Trinity School Parish Center
(For complete descriptions, see Weekly Announcements)

●Grades Pre-K-Grade 8: (Various locations)

●Sunday Morning High School Bible Class: Led by Youth Director Cindy Good in the Church library

●Women's Bible Study: Led by Amy Holmes and Karen Hemenway in the Extended Care Room

●The Christian's Mission: Led by Dr. Ken Schurb in the Science Lab

●Lord's Supper Bible Study: Led by Pastor Holmes in the 8th grade classroom

●Conquering the Sins We Love: Led by Pastor Hemenway in the Parish Hall



Those Serving This Week

Ushers

Saturday

Non-Communion Service

Sunday 8am

Al Casolari, Kevin Cranford, Lynn Friday, Bill Miller, Barry Nass

Sunday 10:30am

Paul Hartman, Bryan Knoles, Alan Krofchick, Cliff Krueger, Chris Nickols, Adam Strong

Communion Assistants

Saturday

Non-Communion Service

Sunday

Brian Ogan, Dave Rohe, Steve Rossman

Musicians

Saturday

Cathy Von DeBur

Sunday

Sue Rohe

Altar Committee

Saturday

Non-Communion Service

Sunday

Kathy Friday, Ashleigh Friday



A Warm Welcome to our Visitors and Members!

- We would like to know who our visitors are, so either before or after the service, please complete a visitor card from the pew rack and pass it to the center aisle for collection by the ushers.
- Personal Assistive Listening Devices for persons with hearing problems are available from an usher.
- The offering is an act of worship for members and friends of Trinity, moved by God's love, to support this ministry. Visitors should not feel obligated to participate. We want you to feel welcome and we truly wish to serve you.
- If at any time during the service it becomes difficult for you to stand, by all means take a seat, even if others are standing. God knows our strengths and He understands our weaknesses and frailties, too. God bless you!



Our Practice in Participating in the Lord's Supper

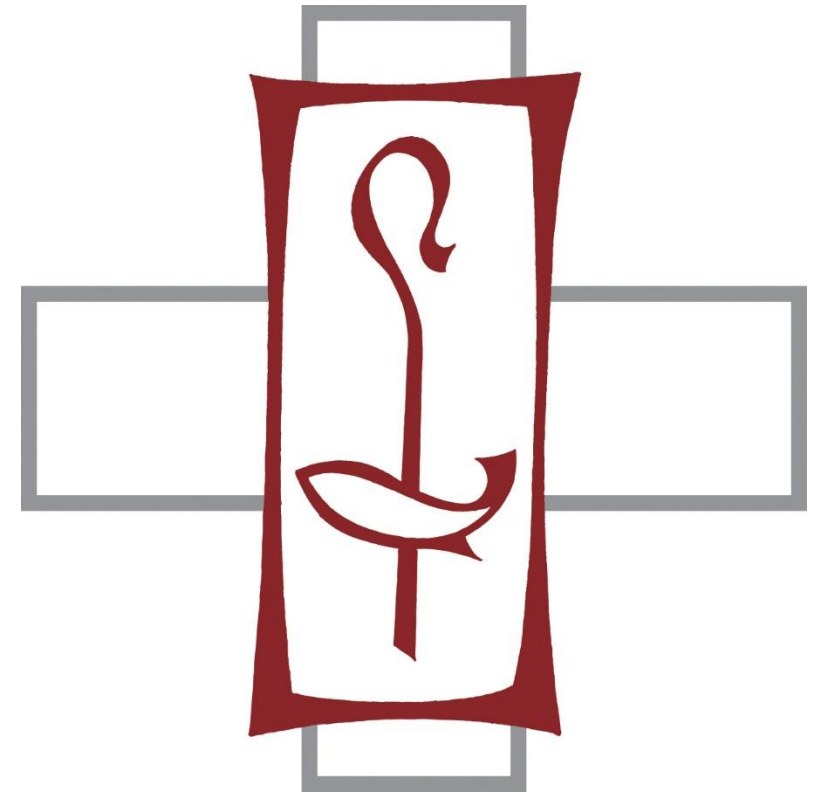
We're glad you are here worshipping with us! Today we will be celebrating Holy Communion. According to Christ and Holy Scripture, in this gift we receive the true body and blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins (Matthew 26:26-28, Luke 22:14-20, I Corinthians 10:16-21, I Corinthians 11:23-26). Through this blessing, we are also strengthened to live in faithfulness to Christ, lead more Godly lives and have a deeper love for one another. Those communing are publicly professing that they believe these things to be true and are also giving witness that they are in agreement with the teaching of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

St. Paul tells us that those who take Communion without proper instruction take it to their great harm (I Corinthians 11:29). We don't want that for anyone; therefore, we ask that anyone holding a different Christian confession or belief about the Lord's Supper refrain from Communion. If you are not Communing with us today, we encourage you to come forward with those in your aisle to receive a blessing. Simply indicate your presence by crossing your hands on the rail (or in front of your body for Saturday night worshippers). If you have questions about our Communion policy or our beliefs please feel free to speak to one of the pastors after the service or indicate on an attendance card that you would like to be contacted. May God bless us all as we worship Him in His house today!

*Upon request, we offer a gluten free communion wafer. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Everyone, whether they realize it or not, is a steward. The question is whose.

The Fifth Sunday of Lent Saturday, April 6 and Sunday, April 7



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